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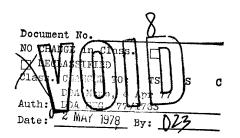
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It is reported that the garrison at Harvar, Ethiopia, was increased from 300 to 500 men in the midle of March 1948. This move was prompted by the recent desind on the part of the Harraris for independence.

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- 320 2. A battalion of the Imperial Ethiopian Arm. 300 or 400 men, was sent to Diredaua during the same perict as a reinforcement to assist regular units in the ent of increased activity on the part of Somalis or groups witch sock local
  - During the period 8 22 March small units o' 10 or 12 former Patriots and Territorial Army soldier: have been leaving Addis Ababa overland for the Ogaden va Diredaua. On one occasion, the Emperor and the Crown Prince reviewed such a unit from the balcony of the Imperial Mace and gave them the Imperial bleasing. These units any be planned as guerrilla units to be stationed alor; the tribal borders of the Somali and Galla people.



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